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C O N F I D E N T I A L TERHAN 7601

E.O. 11652: GDS  
TAGS: IR CH  
SUBJ: IRANIAN AMB'S COMMENTS ON PRC

REF: PEKING 1769

1. BEST INFORMATION AVAILABLE TO THIS EMB INDICATES THAT A NUMBER OF TERRORISTS ARRESTED IN RECENT MONTHS HAVE HAD TRAINING IN MAINLAND CHINA. HOWEVER, THIS TRAINING DATES BACKSOME YEARS AND WE HAVE NO INDICATION THAT SUCH TRAINING HAS CONTINUED IN RECENT PAST. IMPLICATION IS THAT CHINESE MAY BE INACTIVE IN THAT ASPECT OF THINGS, BUT IRANIAN OFFICIALS ARE NOT PREPARED TO SAY CHINESE HAVE STOPPED.

2. NEW HEAD OF EAST ASIA DEPT IN MFA MOTAMEDI, WHO WAS PREVIOUSLY IRANIAN CONSUL GENERAL IN HONG KONG, CONTINUES TO OPERATE UNDER THE ASSUMPTION THAT CHINESE OFFICIAL AND UNOFFICIAL POLICIES CAN AND OFTEN DO DIVERGE. WE WOULD SAY, THEREFORE, THAT ESFANDIARI IS NOT THAT FAR OFF BASE, SINCE HE REFLECTS APPARENT OPINION IN MFA AT LEAST.

3. AS TO PARA 3 OF REFTEL (PARA 2 APPARENTLY OMITTED) WE SUSPECT  
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ESFANDIARI IS WINGING IT ON HIS OWN. IRAN MAINTAINS FRIENDLY DIPLOMATIC RELATIONS WITH PRC, BUT HAS SHOWN THAT IT UNDERSTANDS COMPLEXITY OF OUR POSITION BETWEEN PEKING AND TAIPIE. BY SAME TOKEN (PARA 4 REFTEL)

IRAN MIGH APPROVE OF US ECONOMIC ASSISTANCE TO VIETNAM BUT SHAH CERTAINLY WOULD NOT WISH IRANIANS TO PREACH TO US ON ANY OF THESE

MATTERS WHICH DO NOT DIRECTLY RELATE TO US-IRAN RELATIONSHIP.

4. ESFANDIARI IS A VETERAN DIPLOMAT WITH APPROXIMATELY 37 YEARS SERVICE. WE HAVE NOTHING TO ADD TO TEHRAN A-18 OF FEB 3, 1977, WHICH WAS SENT TO PEKING. PLEASE ADVISE IF YOU WOULD LIKE US TO REPEAT BIO INFO IN IT TELEGRAPHICALLY.  
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